

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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the specification of which is attached hereto.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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